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IN THE MATTER OF:

TYLER P. NANGAUTA,

Employee,

VS.

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY,

Management.

ADVERSE ACTION APPEAL CASES NO.: 21-AA11S & 21-AA16T

DECISION AND ORDER; EMPLOYEE'S MOTION TO RECONSIDER

## **INTRODUCTION**

This matter came before the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on January 18, 2022, on Employee's December 02, 2021, Motion for Reconsideration Due to Loss of Jurisdiction. Present for the hearing were

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the Employee, Tyler P. Nangauta, and his Lay Representative, Robert Koss. Present for Management, Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) were Assistant General Manager of Administration, Christopher Budasi, and Attorney Graham Botha. Present for the Civil Service Commission were Juan K. Calvo, Chairman; John Smith, Vice Chairman; and Commissioner Anthony Benavente; and Commissioner Robert C. Taitano.

## **JURISDICTION & BACKGROUND**

The jurisdiction of the Commission is based upon 4 G.C.A. §4401 *et seq.*, and relevant portions of the Guam Waterworks Authority Personnel Rules and Regulations. On December 02, 2021, Employee filed a Motion for Reconsideration Due to Loss of Jurisdiction. On January 11, 2022, Management filed its response to Employee's Motion.

## **DISCUSSION**

During the January 18, 2022 motion hearing, Employee presented to the Commission that the Commission is without jurisdiction as it failed to sign its written decision within sixty (60) days as mandated by 4 GCA, §4406.2(i), Time Standards and Case Management. On September 7, 2021, the Commission heard Employee's Motion to Void both the

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Suspension and the Termination Adverse Actions, and voted 4 to 0 denying Employee's motion. On November 23, 2021, the Commission signed its Decision and Order. Employee claims that the period from when Employee's motion was heard to the date of the signing of the Decision and Order is seventy-seven (77) days, seventeen (17) days outside of the timeframe allowed; therefore, the Commission lost jurisdiction to sign and order its decision.

Management contended that under CSC Rule 11.7.5, a motion for reconsideration can only be filed with the Commission after a Judgment has been rendered. Herein, no judgment has been issued on this matter. Accordingly, Employee's motion to reconsider under CSC Rule 11.7.7, is not proper as there was no Judgment issued.

# CONCLUSION

The Commission voted 3 to 1 (Commissioner Taitano dissenting), denying Employee's Motion for Reconsideration Due to Loss of Jurisdiction. Since Employee did not acquire the four (4) affirmative votes required under 4 G.C.A., Chapter 4,

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§4402, Quorum, Employee therefore did not meet its burden by a preponderance of the evidence.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of February, 2022.

JUAN K. CALVO

Chairman

PRISCILLA TUNCAP

Commissioner

ROBERT C. TAITANO

Commissioner

JOHN SMITH Vice Chairman

ANTHÔNY P. BENAVENTE

Commissioner

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